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CASH LIFTS SEMINOLES TO THREE-GAME SWEEP OF NO. 12 ARIZONA STATE

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- First baseman Kevin Cash belted a two-run home run to centerfield in the seventh inning breaking a 5-5 tie to lead No. 4 Florida State (6-0) to a 7-5 victory over No. 12 Arizona State (11-3) in front of 2,578 fans at Dick Howser Stadium.

The win gave the Seminoles their first three-game sweep of ASU since the 1994 series in Tallahassee.

Florida State relievers once again played a crucial role in the win, shutting down the Sun Devils in the last 2 2/3 innings. Freshman right-hander Chris Whidden (1-0) struck out two batters in 1 2/3 innings as he picked up the win in relief of left-hander Blair Varnes. Left-hander Mike DiBlasi stuck out of the side in the ninth inning, earning his second save of the season.

Arizona State took a 1-0 lead in the third inning with three consecutive singles. Shortstop Willie Bloomquist drove in second baseman Brooks Conrad on a basehit to centerfield. The Seminoles tied the game in the bottom of the inning on second baseman Sam Scott's solo home un over the right field screen.

The Sun Devils scored three runs on four hits in the fourth inning sparked by a two-run basehit by centerfielder Dustin Delucchi and an RBI-double by Conrad. Florida State once again countered in the bottom of the inning scoring three runs to tie the game. The Seminoles used RBI-basehits by catcher Jeremiah Klosterman, left fielder Mike Futrell and Scott to knot the game at 4-4.

Third baseman Marshall McDougall tripled and scored on a single by right fielder Matt Diaz to give FSU a 5-4 edge in the fifth frame. Arizona State tied the game for the third time as left fielder Jay Sitzman reached on an error by second baseman Bobby Spano, stole second base and came home on a throwing error by Klosterman.

ASU left-hander Jon Switzer (2-1) surrendered seven runs and 13 hits in seven innings of work in the loss. Switzer struck out five and walked one in the outing.

Right-hander Blair Varnes allowed five runs on seven hits in 6 1/3 innings in a no-decision. Varnes struck out four batters and walked one.

McDougall extended his hitting streak to a team-high five games with three hits.

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Jon Switzer..... 7.0 13

Charlie Williamson.. 0.1 0

Chuck Crumpton..... 0.2 1

HBP - by Varnes (Myers), by Varnes (Myers).

Start: 1 p.m. Time: 2:38 Attendance: 2578

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Win - Whidden, C. 1-0. Loss - Switzer 2-1. Save - DiBlasi (2).

Umpires - Home: Wayne Funderburke 1st: Bruce Ravan 3rd: Al Davis

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Florida State 7 (6-0)

Blair Varnes..... 6.1

Chris Whidden..... 1.2

Mike DiBlasi..... 1.0

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Brooks Conrad 2b	5	1	2	1	0	2	3	1	Karl Jenigan cf 5 0	1 0	0 1 3
Jay Sitzman lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	Marshall McDougall 3b 5 2		0 0 0
Willie Bloomquist ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	Matt Diaz rf 5 1		0 1 1
Andrew Beinbrink rf	4	0	0	0	0			1	Kevin Cash 1b 4 1		0 1 7
Casey Myers c	2	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	John Halliday dh 4 0		0 1 0
Trent Pratt c	. 0	0	0	0	0	0		0		2 0	0 1 0
Jeff Phelps 3b	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	Jeremiah Klosterman c 4 1	2 1	0 0 10
Chip Gosewisch dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	Michael Putrell lf 3 0		0 0 3
Mitch Jones 1b	3	Û	0	0	0	0	5	1	Chris Smith lf 1 0		0 0 0
Scott Goodman ph	. 1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Sam Scott 2b 2 1	2 2	1 0 2
Dustin Delucchi cf	4	1	1	2	0	2	4	0	Bobby Spano 2b 0 0	0 0	1 0 1
Jon Switzer p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Blair Varnes p 0 0		0 0 0
Charlie Williamson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chris Whidden p 0 0	0 0	0 0 0
Chuck Crumpton p	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mike DiBlasi p 0 0		0 0 0
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Florida State 001	31.0	20		- 7	14	3					
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LOB - Sun Devils 5, Semino 2B - Conrad. 3B - McDougal HR - Cash, Scott.	les				-						
SB - Sitzman 2, Bloomquist	. cs	-	Bei	nbri	nk.				,		
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